

Arkansas Health Information Technology (HIT) Task Force Meeting
Ray Scott, MSW, State Coordinator for Health Information Technology
Wednesday, August 4, 2010
Jackson T. Stephens Spine and Neurosciences Institute
University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS)
501 Jack Stephens Drive
Little Rock, Arkansas 72205

Present:

Task Force Members:

Kimberly Allen	Nancy Archer	Tina Benton	Sandra Brown
Joan Diehl	David Easley	Nancy Elphingstone	Vicki Farmer
Bill Golden	Drenda Harkins	John Herzog	Chris Holmes
Josh Johnson	Treg Long	Michael Manley	Craig May
Bryan Meldrum	Kym Patterson	James Penrod	Blake Perry
Charles Pigg	Becky Rains	Maria Reynolds-Diaz	Carol Shockley
Brett Tracy	James Winningham		

Observers:

Katie Anderson	Larry Cantrell	Elsa Crocker	John Daley
Eileen Denne	Debbie Griffith	Debbie Karwoski	Mark Kravs
Rick Marendt	Gary Mosley	David Nelsen	Cindy Osment
Meredith Rebsamen			

Welcome:

- Meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Ray Scott, with a welcome to all in attendance.

OHIT Updates (Ray Scott):

- There will be no HIT Taskforce meeting in September.
- Updated contact information for the new office can be found at the following web address:
<http://recovery.arkansas.gov/hie>.
- The deadline for ONC submission is August 31, 2010. There will be updated versions of our strategic and operational plans on this website around August 19, 2010. Feedback on these versions is welcome.
- There will be a consumer advisory committee formed to provide a forum for consumers.

Recent ONC Guidance on Strategic and Operational Plans (Ray Scott):

- The ONC has issued a Program Information Notice (PIN) with additional requirements for submission of the strategic and operational plans giving clarity from the federal level. These additional requirements are listed in the presentation slides of Ray Scott. The state plans will address as many of the additional requirements as possible; where a complete response is not possible, the plans will address how the state will meet the additional requirements.
- The strategic plan can be found on our website:
<http://recovery.arkansas.gov/hie/meetings.html>.

- Addressed in the strategic plan are the environmental scan and Medicaid coordination. The two domain areas with the most changes are governance and finance.

Update on Transition Process from HIT Executive Committee to HIE Council (Ray Scott):

- Appointments and recommendations for the new HIE Council have gone to the Governor. This process will take several weeks to complete. We are expecting to have the first HIE Council meeting in early September.

REC Update (Jonathan Fuchs) Please refer to slides:

- Jonathan Fuchs (Arkansas Foundation for Medical Care – HIT Arkansas) gave an overview of National / Regional Extension Center (REC) efforts, HIT Arkansas operational activities, and an update on meaningful use.
- There are 60 Regional Extension Centers nationwide.
- The core team is composed of Debbie Karwoski, Project Director; Linda Hargrave, Project Manager; Nathan Ray, Data Manager; and Eldrina Easterly, Program Liason.
- 633 provider applications have been received representing 189 clinical locations. The vendor RFP was recently released; responses were due back by July 22, 2010.

In the final Meaningful Use Regulations, there are 15 core objectives listed. In order to qualify for incentive payments, eligible professionals must meet these 15 core requirements and an additional 5 from a menu; eligible hospitals must meet 14 core requirements and 5 from the menu. For more information on these requirements, please see the slides.

- Upcoming regional meetings are as follows:
 - August 11, Texarkana, AR
 - August 18, Jonesboro, AR
 - August 25, Northwest, AR
 - August 31, Little Rock, AR
 - September 1, Little Rock, AR
 - September 9, Eldorado, AR
- Contact information:
 - Website: www.hitarkansas.com
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Meaningful Use Update (Jonathan Fuchs) Please refer to slides:

Medicaid Update (Drenda Harkins):

- There are 2 primary projects that impact HIE/HIT: Medicaid Provider Incentive Payments and MMIS replacement.
- CMS requires State Medicaid to submit a State Medicaid Health IT Plan (SMHP) for approval prior to implementing the Incentive Payments. This should be finished by August 15, 2010.
- CMS is expecting to have approval of the SMHP and Implementation – IAD by this fall.
- Medicaid has been asked to participate in a multi-state collaborative for Medical Assistance Electronic Health Record Incentive Payments (MAPIR). CMS will be funding 90% of the cost with the participating states equally dividing the remaining 10%.
- Tentative timeline for the provider receiving their first incentive check is May 1, 2011.
- An RFI for MMIS replacement was released May 7, 2010. Twenty responses have been received.